

ELIJAH  
MUHAMMAD

SECTION 1

File # 105-24822

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**CHICAGO**

REPORT MADE AT

**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

DATE WHEN MADE

**9/18/53**

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REPORT MADE BY

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**ELIJAH MOHAMMED, was  
Gulam Bogans, Elijah Poole**

SECURITY MATTER

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED**

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Synopsis:

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**AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

AGENCY

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DETAILS:

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APPROVED AND

FORWARDED:

**Kline Weatherford**

Bureau (Registered)  
Chicago (100-6989)

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I. BACKGROUND

A. Birth Data

On May 8, 1942, ELIJAH MOHAMMED advised SA [REDACTED] of Washington Field Office that he was born October 7, 1897 at Sandersville, Georgia. b7C

B. [REDACTED]

Former Employment

MOHAMMED advised SA [REDACTED] on May 8, 1942, that he was formerly employed at the American Nut Company in 1923 at Detroit, Michigan, under the name of ELIJAH POOLE; American Copper and Brass Company, 1923-1925, at Detroit, Michigan; and the Chevrolet Axle Company, Detroit, Michigan, for a period of six months. b2 b7D b7C

Former Residence

On May 8, 1942, MOHAMMED advised SA [REDACTED] that he, MOHAMMED, maintained residence at 6026 Vernon Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. b2 b7D b7C

D. Marital Status

ELIJAH MOHAMMED advised on May 8, 1942, that he was married to CLARA EVANS at Cordele, Georgia, in 1919.

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SUGGESTED BUREAU INDEXING

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No additional indexing required. Derogatory information regarding individuals listed herein other than subject previously reported or is currently being submitted by this office in individual reports relating to these persons.

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Above applies, with the exception of those names checked in blue ink on right-hand margin, original pages.

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New information. Normal indexing suggested.

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E. [REDACTED]

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II.

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A. Membership and Activities

Immediately following the apprehension of ELIJAH MOHAMMED By Bureau Agents on September 20, 1942, in Chicago and on that same date, MOHAMMED advised SAs of the Chicago Office that he first became acquainted with ISLAM in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. At that time, according to MOHAMMED, he embraced Islam after being convinced that his teacher, A. WALLACE FARD MOHAMMED (no relation) was Allah. Thereafter, according to MOHAMMED, he studied daily under FARD'S tutelage and when FARD was ordered to leave Detroit, MOHAMMED was designated by FARD as Allah's apostle or Prophet in North America. MOHAMMED continued that FARD, whom he described as Allah, had returned to the City of Mecca and that he, MOHAMMED preached Islam as Allah's apostle. Shortly afterward, according to MOHAMMED'S statement, he was ordered by the Police to leave Detroit and he proceeded to Chicago, Illinois, where in 1932, he successfully established Temple Number 2 of the Islam Religion.

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will, upon receipt of results of FD-9 recently submitted, submit in a report the criminal record of subject.

Will await results of FD-122 recently submitted.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/18/53

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MOHAMMED, was.  
SECURITY MATTER - MCI  
Office of Origin: Chicago3 x 5  
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Prepare 43 card

X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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NAME ELIJAH MOHAMMEDALIASES Gulam Bogans, Elijah PooleALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8/13/82 BY SP-4 [signature]NATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) (Muslim Cult of Islam) Misc bymTAB FOR DETCOM X TAB FOR COMSAB \_\_\_\_\_ RACE Negro SEX MaleDATE OF BIRTH 10/7/97 PLACE OF BIRTH Sandersville, Georgia

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

Self-Employed Shabazz Grocery and Restaurant3117 South Wentworth, Chicago, Illinois

KEY FACILITY DATA: None

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTED AGENCIES \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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Note: The subject is being tabbed for Det Com in view of his position as National Leader of the Muslim Cult of Islam.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-6582)

DATE: November 19, 1953

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989) *11/27/53*

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MOHAMMED, was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI  
OO: Chicago

*Key figure and prepared  
Agent*

Attached hereto are five copies of the report of SA [redacted] dated November 19, 1953, at Chicago, Illinois. **b7C**

The above captioned individual is the National Leader of the Muslim Cult of Islam, which has its headquarters at 824 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois.

In view of the above, MOHAMMED has been tabbed for Det Com and is being made a Key Figure in the Chicago Office.

**ENCLOSURES (5)** **b7C**

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cc: CG 100-12197

*Note: Security Index card of subject changed to make him a Key Figure by Chicago from FB-100*

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TITLE <b>ELIJAH MOHAMMED, was. Gulan Bogans, Elijah Poole</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Criminal record set forth and photograph enclosed.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

On October 16, 1953, the files of the Chicago Police Department were caused to be searched by SE [REDACTED] and no criminal record was found for **ELIJAH MOHAMMED** or either of his aliases. **B. 10-7-97**

On September 9, 1953, records of the FBI Identification Division reflected the following criminal record for **ELIJAH MOHAMMED** under FBI #2759020:

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DATE FORW. 1-25-57  
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THE CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will continue efforts to obtain handwriting specimens of the subject for transmission to the FBI laboratory.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/18/53 at Chicago, Illinois.

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ENCLOSURE: TO THE BUREAU: (100-6582)

One (1) photograph of  
ELIJAH MOHAMMED taken in  
1963

Re: CO 100-6589

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ENCLOSURE 105-24822-3

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ~~(100-6582)~~

DATE: November 19, 1953

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MOHAMMED, was.  
Gulam Bogans, Elijah Poole  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI  
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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

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## KEY FACILITY DATA:

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INTERESTED AGENCIES 100-24822

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: May 10, 1954

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MOHAMMED, was.  
Gulam Bogans, Elijah Poole  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI  
(Office of Origin - Chicago)

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Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated November  
19, 1953, at Chicago.The subject is included in the Security  
Index of the Chicago office and is the National leader  
of the Muslim Cult of Islam.

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(100-12197 - Muslim Cult of Islam)

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RE: ELIJAH MOHAMMED, was,  
Gulam Bogans, Elijah Poole  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI  
(CG 100-6989)

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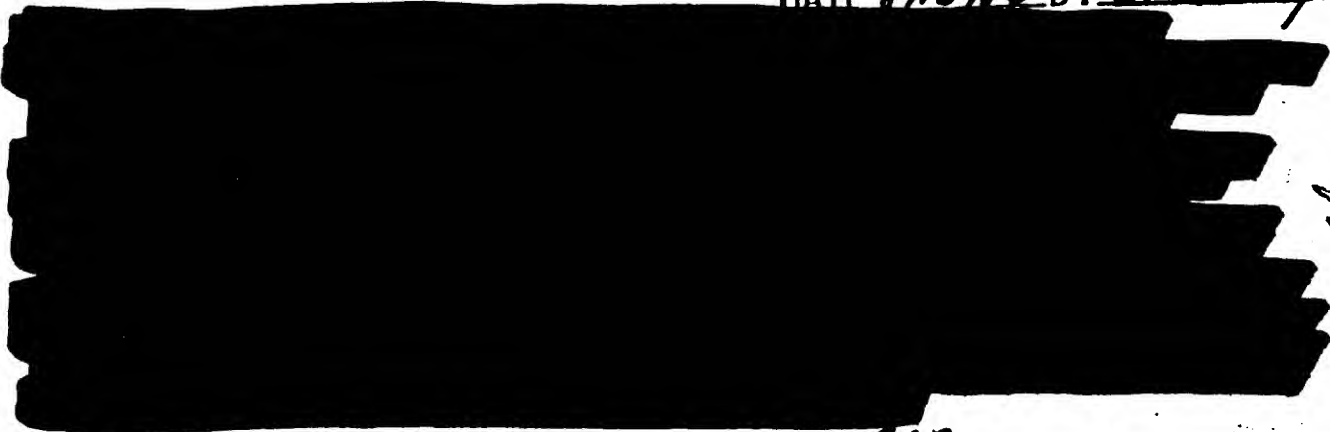
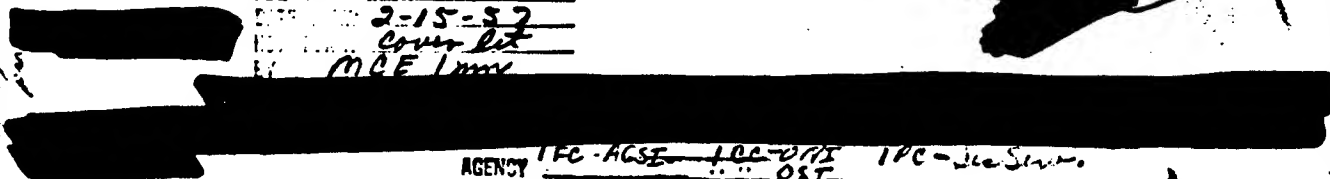
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TITLE <b>ELIJAH MOHAMMED, was Gulam Bogans, Elijah Poole</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI</b>
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DETAILS: <u>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</u> <i>1pc Stat</i> AGENCY <u>1AC CIA I</u> BACKGROUND REQ. REC'D <i>2-15-57</i> <i>cover let</i> <i>MCE/mm</i>			AGENCY <u>RAB</u> REQ. REC'D DATE FORW. <i>8-24-54</i> HOW FORW. <i>RS</i> BY <i>RP/mjuc</i>
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# Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : William F. Tompkins, Assistant Attorney General,  
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, et al.  
MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RCI

DATE: August 19, 1954

RE: 0-11-100

25-12-1202

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Mr. Boardman	
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Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

[REDACTED]

Under the direction of its "Prophet," Elijah Muhammad, the Muslim Cult of Islam has established temples in approximately sixteen leading cities in the United States with national headquarters in Chicago. This Cult continues to foster a program of vicious racial hatred, fanned continuously by the fanatical preachings of Muhammad and his ministers, bitterly denouncing the United States Government, its flag and leaders, and proclaiming the eventual destruction of this country and the white people thereof. Apparently, the Muslim Cult of Islam also continues to counsel young Cult members to evade registration under the Selective Service Act or service in the United States Armed Forces as required under the Act.

The fanaticism of MCI members appears to be of such an extreme degree as to render possible an outbreak of violence by Cult members, which might be similar in nature to the recently attempted assassination of members of the House of Representatives by Puerto Rican Nationalists.

Inasmuch as this matter is again being reviewed by this Division, it is requested that you re-evaluate the informants who have been heretofore designated as unavailable to determine whether or not they can be made available at this time for the purpose of testifying in connection with any contemplated prosecution directed against the Cult or its members. It is requested that you advise this Division of the results of your re-evaluation.

In addition, it is also requested that you advise this Division as to whether the following witnesses and confidential informants are available to testify before a Federal Grand Jury and at a possible subsequent trial:

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will continue to report the activities of ELIJAH MOHAMMED and to maintain contact with confidential informants who are acquainted with the activities of the subject.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/18/53, at Chicago;  
Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/19/54, at Chicago;  
Chicago letter to the Director, dated 5/10/54.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: September 8, 1954

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MOHAMMED, was.,  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI  
OO - CHICAGO

Card U.T.D.

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_

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SEX \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

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SAC, CHICAGO (25-20607)

August 12, 1954

DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

ELIJAH MOHAMMED, with aliases  
MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI

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By memorandum dated August 10, 1954, the Department requested information concerning the availability of certain informants utilized in Bureau reports to testify before a Federal Grand Jury and at a possible subsequent trial concerning the captioned organization. The informants are identified as follows:

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NOTE ON YELLOW: The Bureau letter from Department dated August 10, 1954, was acknowledged by Bureau dated August 12, 1954.

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All offices receiving copies of this communication are instructed to advise the Bureau of the availability to testify of those informants concerning whom the Bureau has no information.

The Chicago, Baltimore, Cincinnati and Washington Field Offices are requested to advise the Bureau whether any of the informants designated by symbol number are available to testify. It will not be necessary for you to personally contact these informants at this time concerning their availability.

It is desired that the reply to this communication reach the Bureau no later than August 31, 1954.

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TITLE <b>ELIJAH MOHAMMED, was., Gulam Bogans, Elijah Poole</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY-MCI</b>
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CHICAGO DIVISION:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Will continue to report the activities of ELIJAH MOHAMMED and to maintain contact with confidential informants who are acquainted with the activities of the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated August 13, 1954, at Chicago.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, Memphis (25-6370)

DATE: 4-11-55

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

**ELIJAH MOHAMMED, Was, ET AL**  
**MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM, AKA**  
**INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI**

Re Milwaukee letter 4-1-55 requesting corrections be made in the report of SA [REDACTED] dated 10-22-51 at Milwaukee in the case captioned "ELIJAH MOHAMMED, Was, ET AL, SSA, 1948, SEDITION, CONSPIRACY."

Please be advised that the requested corrections have been made.

CEP:MRS

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cc - Milwaukee (105-337) (RM)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Director, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: 6/30/55

FROM: SAC, Chicago (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MOHAMMED, was.  
Gulam Bogans, Elijah Poole  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI

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Retain on Security Index  
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Re SAC Letter 55-30 dated April 12, 1955.

Succinct Resume of Case

Subject is self-employed as owner and operator of the Shabazz No. 2 Restaurant, 3117 South Wentworth, Chicago, Illinois.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Recommendation

Retain on Security Index

Inasmuch as subject is a Key Figure of the Chicago Division and continues to be the leader of the Muslim Cult of Islam and continues to prophesy future destruction of the United States and foster hatred of the white race, it is the recommendation of the Chicago Office that he be retained on the Security Index.

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Director, FBI

RE: ELIJAH MOHAMMED, was.  
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Detcom Tabbing

Subject is presently tabbed Detcom.

Subject has not been approved for Detcom tabbing under the new criteria of SAC Letter 55-12A. It is recommended subject be tabbed Detcom inasmuch as subject is a Key Figure of the Chicago Division.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: November 14, 1955

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH POOLE, was.  
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Card U.T.D.

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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NAME Delete: ELIJAH MOHAMMED; Add: ELIJAH POOLE

ALIASES Delete: ELIJAH POOLE; Add: ELIJAH MOHAMMED, The

Messenger of Allah, ELIJAH MUCK-MUCK, The Prophet, and

MOHAMMED RASSOULL

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>[REDACTED]</b>			
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<p>DETAILS: <b>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</b></p> <p>The title of this report is marked changed to reflect the name of <b>ELIJAH POOLE</b> as the subject's true name. The name <b>ELIJAH MOHAMMED</b>, the name by which the subject is most often known, is being carried as an alias. The names <b>ELIJAH MUCK-MUCK</b>, <b>The Messenger of Allah</b>, <b>The Prophet</b>, and <b>MOHAMMED RASSOUL</b>, by which he is or has been known to his followers, are being added as aliases.</p> <p>All informants used in this report have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise so designated.</p> <p>0-1 from Chicago file 5/29/56 file 100-24822-100 6/5/56. 4/15/56 SUN</p> <p>AGENCY <b>IPC CIA</b> AGENCY <b>K A 12</b></p> <p>REQ. REC'D <b>1-25-57</b></p> <p>DATE FORW. <b>0-14</b></p> <p>HOW FORW. <b>W H 7-1m</b></p> <p>BY <b>W H 7-1m</b></p>			
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I. BACKGROUND

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B. [REDACTED]

C. Other Background Information

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A book titled "Automobile Licenses for 1955", issued by CHARLES F. CARPENTIER, Secretary of State of Illinois, reflects that 1955 Illinois license number 1954 621 was issued to E. MOHAMMED, 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago. The vehicle is registered as a 1955 Cadillac with motor number E5 5621 04726.

II. [REDACTED]

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III. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF  
ELIJAH MOHAMMED INDICATING FURTHERANCE  
OF THE PROGRAM OF THE MCI

Speeches

Attention is drawn to Section II of this report concerning ELIJAH MOHAMMED's activities [REDACTED]

IV. FALSE STATEMENTS MADE  
BY ELIJAH POOLE INCLUDING  
THE USE OF ALIASES

In an unsigned statement given to SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], on September 20, 1942, ELIJAH MOHAMMED advised that he had been born in Georgia in the year 1897. MOHAMMED advised that his grandparents had worked as slaves for a family named POOLE. MOHAMMED advised that in his early years he had been known as ELIJAH POOLE. In 1931, in Detroit, he had met ALLAH and had been given the name of MOHAMMED by ALLAH and that he has used this name ever since.

On September 20, 1942, [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that ELIJAH MOHAMMED was also known to him as ELIJAH MUCK-MUCK, and also known as the Prophet.

On March 10, 1942, [REDACTED] advised SAs [REDACTED] whom he also knew as Mr. BOGANS, who resides at 1306 Girard Street N.W., Washington, D.C.

On March 25, 1952, [REDACTED] Washington, D.C., in a statement to SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised that he knew MOHAMMED RASSOULL, the Messenger of Allah, as G. BOGANS.

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Enclosed herewith is a photograph of ELIJAH MOHAMMED, No. 40233, which was taken at the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, in 1943.

ENCLOSURE: TO THE BUREAU:

One (1) photograph of subject

AKABAR \*MOHAMMED -P-

~~CLARA \*MOHAMMED~~

Ca. Ill.

~~ELIJAH \*MOHAMMED~~

Ca. Ill.

~~EMIL \*MOHAMMED~~ ILL.

~~NATHAN \*MOHAMMED~~

~~HERBERT \*MOHAMMED~~

~~ELIJAH \*MOHAMMED~~ Ill.

~~WALLACE \*MOHAMMED~~

~~ETHEL \*SHURICK~~ Ill.

~~LOTTIE \*MOHAMMED~~ Ill.

ELIJAH MOHAMMED, was.  
GUYAN BOYD, Elijah Poole

Male

Negro

56 (10-7-1897, SANDERSVILLE, GA.)

Residence - 4847 S. Woodlawn Ave.  
CHICAGO, ILL.

5'6"

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Black, Kinky hair

Brown Eyes

Light Brown Complexion

Self-Employed at Sherazz Grocery & Restaurant,  
3117 So. Wentworth, Chicago.

MARRIED to Clara Evans at  
CORDELE, GA. in 1919.

Relatives: Sons: Daughters:  
EMMANUEL / ANABAE Ethel Shamieff  
NATHANIEL / Lottie (LNU)  
HERBERT  
Elijah Jr.  
Wallace

F.B.I. # 2754020

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ELIJAH MOHAMMED



FBI



COOK COUNTY  
JAIL  
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b7c On May 8, 1942, ELIJAH MOHAMMED was arrested at his residence, 1306 Girard Street N.W., Washington, D.C., by Bureau Agents. He advised SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that he used the name GULAM BOGANS. On the same date ELIJAH MOHAMMED advised SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that to the best of his knowledge, he was born near Sandersville, Georgia, and that his mother's name was MARIE and his father's name was WALLI, and that their surname was POOLE. MRS 4

The records of the Identification Division for ELIJAH MOHAMMED, FBI Number 2759020, dated September 9, 1953, reflect that the subject has used the names ELIJAH MOHAMMED and GULAM BOGANS.

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The subject is in the Security Index of the Chicago Division. An FD 122 is being sent to the Bureau to reflect the subject's true name as ELIJAH POOLE and also to reflect the addition of the aliases ELIJAH MOHAMMED, The Prophet, The Messenger of Allah and MOHAMMED RASSOULL. ✓

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

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THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will continue to follow the activities of ELIJAH  
MOHAMMED.

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Report of SA [REDACTED] dated April 13, 1955,  
at Chicago.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: 5/31/56

FROM : SAC, Chicago (100-6989)

Card U.T.D.  
6-8-56SUBJECT: ELIJAH POOLE, Was.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI  
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BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) Nationalleader, Muslim Cult of Islam, 5335 S. Greenwood Ave., Chicago; andowns and operates Shabazz No. 2 Bakery, 3117 S. Wentworth, Chicago,  
and MCI Temple 2 Restaurant and Grocery, 614-16 E. 71st St., Chicago,  
KEY FACILITY DATA: Ill.

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_

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TITLE <b>ELIJAH POOLE, Was., Elijah Mohammed, Gulam Bogans, The Messenger of Allah, Eli'ah Muck-Muck, The Prophet, Mohammed Rassoul</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI</b>
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The subject is included in the Security Index of the Chicago Division. The Security Index card has been reviewed and FD 122 is being submitted recommending changes regarding the subject's employment. The subject continues to meet Security Index criteria.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will continue to follow and report activities of subject.

REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 11/14/55 at Chicago.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. J. F. Bland *JFB*

DATE: June 4, 1956

FROM : Mr. T. D. Rushing *TR*SUBJECT: ELIJAH POOLE  
SECURITY MATTER - MCI  
Bufile 105-24822

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The case of the above-captioned individual has been reviewed by the Department and the subject's name approved for inclusion in the Security Index.

Department memorandum reflecting the above is contained in Bureau file 100-398030 Serial 1742, and is dated May 28, 1956.

ACTION:

None. This is submitted for record purposes.

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105-24822

cc - Mr. Bland

cc

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Routing Slip  
FD-4 (8-18-54)

Date

6-14-56

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To

☒ Director

REF ID: A6105-24822

Att.

Title

ELIJAH POOL

☐ SAC

IS-MCI

☐ ASAC

☐ Supv.

☐ Agent

☐ SE

☐ CC

☐ Steno

☐ Clerk

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ACTION DESIRED

☐ Reassign to

☐ Initial & return

☐ Open Case

☐ Send Serials

☐ Search & return

☐ Expedite

☐ Submit report by

☐ Recharge serials

☐ Correct

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Call me

☐ Return serials

☐ See me

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Type

☐ Submit new charge-out

☐ Bring file

☐ File

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Delinquent

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

REF ID: A6105-24822

AT CHICAGO; 0-17 INDEXED RECORDED

P. 12, UNDER T-2, i.e. JUN 20 1956

column 2 should be 1/1/56; date

in column 3 should be 1/5/56.

CHICAGO HAS corrected its copies.

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in 6/19/56  
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SAC, Chicago

November 19, 1956

Director, FBI

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INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

"I would like to secure some information if at all possible and if the disclosing of such information would not constitute a breach of propriety. If my inquiry has been addressed to the wrong agency, please forward it to the proper one.

"A bit of background will perhaps be enlightening and will serve to make clear my motive. I recently attended my first and last services of an Islamic society in this country called Temple of Muhammad. I was appalled: As an American citizen, as a Christian, and as an American Negro, in that order.

"Since then I have been told by a Christian friend that he knew the leader of the Cult, during 1944-'45 in Casablanca, as a black marketer and an underworld character of diverse sorts. The man (the leader) referred to is one Elijah Muhammad who makes his headquarters here in Chicago. The information I seek is this, "Is the allegation made by my friend true?"

Bufiles contain no identification re correspondent.

105-24822-  
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Elijah Muhammad is Security Index subject of your office, and "Temple of Muhammad" or the Muslim Cult of Islam; is subject of current investigation, your file 85-30607.

1 - Chicago (85-30607 - Muslim Cult of Islam)  
1 - Chicago (105-24822 - Elijah Muhammad)  
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**Letter to SAC, Chicago**

**Re:** [REDACTED] **b7C**

**You are requested to search your office files concerning correspondent. In the absence of any information in your files reflecting such action to be inadvisable, you are requested to have two Agents contact correspondent to orally acknowledge receipt of his letter at the Bureau. At the time of contact, correspondent should be informed the contact is being made as a result of the receipt of his letter at the Bureau; of the confidential nature of Bureau files; and that no inference should be drawn that Elijah Mohammed or the "Temple of Muhammad" is or is not the subject of investigation by the Bureau.**

**You should ascertain whether correspondent possesses any pertinent information of interest to the Bureau. You should specifically glean complete information from correspondent concerning the activities of Elijah Mohammed, the "Temple of Muhammad," and the identity of his friend who allegedly is acquainted with Elijah Mohammed.**

**During the course of contact, you should endeavor to determine correspondent's potential as a security informant; however, no attempt should be made to develop him as such during the initial contact, but your recommendation should be submitted to the Bureau.**

**The date and results of the contact, under appropriate caption, should be furnished promptly to the Bureau with reference to this communication.**

FD-205  
(12-14-54)

TO : Director, FBI

(File 105-24822)

DATE: 12/17/56

FROM: SAC, Chicago

(File 100-6989)

SUBJECT: 'Elijah Poole, was.  
IS - MCI

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This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 12/18/56

Reason for the delinquency: Report in violation

Date the report or necessary communication  
will reach the Bureau:

12/22/56

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25-330971

Date: December 27, 1956

To: Commissioner  
Internal Revenue Service  
Treasury Department  
Washington, D. C.From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of InvestigationSubject: ELIJAH MOHAMMED;  
MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MCIALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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[signature]Reference is made to my memorandum dated  
June 30, 1955.

[REDACTED]

Elijah Mohammed was born Elijah Poole on October 7, 1897, near Sandersville, Georgia, and is married to the former Clara Evans. Elijah Mohammed has also been known as Elijah Muhammad, Gulam Bogans, Gulam Bogans and Mohammed Rassuli. He is believed to have resided in Chicago, Illinois, since 1934.

The MCI has also been known as Muhammad's Temple of Islam, Muhammad's Temple, Holy Temple of Islam, Temple of Islam, Nation of Islam, Brotherhood of Islam, Moslem Temple, Religion of Islam and The Allah Temple of Islam.

[REDACTED]

cc SAC, Chicago (Information) (

cc Bufile (105-24822) (Elijah Mohammed)

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**Letter to Commissioner  
Internal Revenue Service**

In connection with Elijah Mohammed your attention is directed to the following information contained in the enclosed memorandum:

[REDACTED]

b7D [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

This Bureau would appreciate being advised of any action taken by your Service concerning the MCI or Elijah Mohammed.

In the event any additional data concerning the financial status of Elijah Mohammed or the captioned organization comes to the attention of this Bureau such data will be furnished to your Service without delay.

Enclosure

**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

By referenced memorandum, IRS advised of financial status of MCI and Elijah Mohammed. Background information re MCI furnished to IRS at that time.

[REDACTED]

b7D [REDACTED] Chicago has been unable to locate bank accounts or safe-deposit boxes for Mohammed or the MCI.

[REDACTED]

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>CHICAGO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>12-27-56</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>2/3, 6/5, 7, 11, 27, 28/3, 7, 13, 9/14, 18, 10/30, 11/5, 1</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>ELIJAH POOLE, was. Elijah Mohammed, Gulam Bogans, The Messenger of Allah, Elijah Muck-Muck, The Prophet, Mohammed Rassoull</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>[REDACTED]</b>	FILED BY <b>NCS</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI</b>	

## SYNOPSIS:

ELIJAH MOHAMMED continues to reside at 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and to be the National Leader of the Temple of Islam (Muslim Cult of Islam) with national headquarters at Chicago, Illinois.

column "Mr. Muhammad Speaks" appears in the "Pittsburgh Courier."

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DETAILS:

All confidential informants utilized in this report and referred to by "T" symbols have furnished reliable information in the past unless otherwise indicated.

The following organization, which has been utilized in this report and which has not been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450, is characterized in the attached Appendix pages:

Muslim Cult of Islam

It is noted that the surname of ELIJAH MOHAMMED is spelled variously as "MOHAMMED" and "MUHAMMAD." An affidavit on file at the Cook County Recorders Office, Chicago, Illinois, filed November 29, 1955, concerning the corporate name "Holy Temple of Islam" reflects the surname as "MOHAMMED" as does the June, 1956, telephone directory. The surname "MUHAMMAD" appears on various temples of the Temple of Islam and in the column "Mr. Muhammad Speaks" appearing in the "Pittsburgh Courier," a weekly newspaper.

Interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on October 17, 1956, JAMES ANDERSON, Assistant Minister, Muhammad Temple No. 2, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the correct title of ELIJAH MOHAMMED is "Messenger of Allah." He also stated that the preferred spelling of the Messenger's surname is "MUHAMMAD" but that it is also spelled "MOHAMMED."

I. BACKGROUND DATA

A. RESIDENCE

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The June, 1956, Chicago Telephone Directory contains a listing for one "ELIJAH MOHAMMED," 4847 South Woodlawn, telephone number Drexel 3-0966.

The following individuals reportedly reside at the residence of ELIJAH MOHAMMED, Sr., 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago:

M/S. ELIJAH MOHAMMED, Sr.  
ELIJAH MOHAMMED, Jr.  
SYLVIA JONES, also known as  
SYLVIA MOHAMMED  
HERBERT MOHAMMED  
LOVELLA MOHAMMED  
CLARA MOHAMMED

August 24, 1956, and October 17, 1956, a source who is familiar with ELIJAH MOHAMMED and in a position to furnish reliable information)

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ELIJAH MOHAMMED was interviewed by Bureau agents on 6/7/56, in connection with the case entitled, [REDACTED] SSA 1948;CO,"

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SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] observed the 1954 Cadillac bearing 1956 Illinois license 784-208 on 8/7/56. b7C

JOHN LEE HATCHETT was interviewed on 12/11/56, at Chicago. The full interview can be located in Chicago 100-32031.

Articles from the "Pittsburgh Courier," entitled, "Mr. Muhammad Speaks," can be found as follows:

9/1/56	Detroit Edition	25-20607-2151
9/22/56	New York Edition	25-20607-2210
11/17/56	New York Edition	25-20607-2439

The magazines, "Moslem World and The USA" utilized in this report are exhibited in 25-20607.

The information provided by [REDACTED] was furnished Chicago in Buffalo letter to Bureau dated 10/29/56. (25-20607-3345). b7C b7D

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LEADS

THE CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will continue to follow and report the activity  
of ELIJAH MOHAMMED in the Temple of Islam, MCI.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] at Chicago  
dated 5/31/56.

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Date: February 18, 1957

To: Mr. E. Tamm Bailey  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State  
515 22nd Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

EX-125

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DECLASSIFIED BY SP-4 JLM/alm  
ON 8/12/82

Subject: ELIJAH POOLE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - MCI

Enclosed herewith for your information is one copy each of six reports concerning captioned individual.

[REDACTED]

BY COURIER SVC.

29 FEB 18

COM-FBI

Neither your Department nor the Central Intelligence Agency is being requested to conduct any investigation. However, this Bureau would appreciate the receipt of any information coming to your attention concerning this individual.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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2 - Director (V. L. L. - 6)  
Central Intelligence Agency  
515 22nd Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans  
3 - Chicago (100-6989) (25-20607) (See note page 2)  
2 - Washington Field (100-22829) (See note page 2)  
1 - 25-330971 (MCI)

See yellow page 2.

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Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey

NOTE SAC, CHICAGO:

b7D You should immediately furnish the Bureau any information coming to your attention [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

NOTE WASHINGTON FIELD:

[REDACTED]

NOTE ON YELLOW:

On SI. National leader of MCI with national headquarters at Chicago. Subject attacks Christianity and predicts the destruction of America and the white man by fire. Teaches original man, the so-called Negro, will rule the world. His followers and followers of Islam consider themselves to be a nation. Male Negro born 10-7-97, Sandersville, Georgia. Serials 1, 6, 8, 11, 12 and 13 of Bufile 105-24822 furnished State and CIA.

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FBI

Date: 2/7/57

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (100-5545)

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SLIP(S) OFRE: MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM  
IS - MCI  
(OO: Chicago)

DATE

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Mr. Belmont

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Special Agent in Charge

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There are many people at the ELIJAH MOHAMMED residence and there always seems to be a lot of activity. Frequently, there are out of state cars parked in the MOHAMMED driveway outside the garage.

October 15, 1956, who is in a position to provide reliable information)

B.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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C. CRIMINAL RECORD

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On November 26, 1956, [REDACTED] advised that the records of the Records and Communications Section, Chicago, Illinois, Police Department, contain no information identifiable with ELIJAH MOHAMMED.

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State Bureau of Motor  
Registration, Springfield, Illinois, advised on June 11,  
1956, that records reflect that 1956 Illinois license  
784-208 was issued to CLARA MOHAMMED, 4847 South Woodlawn  
Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for a 1954 Cadillac four-door  
sedan, Motor Number 5460-69722. Title information for  
this auto reflects no lien at the time of original application  
for Illinois title in 1954 and there is no record of CLARA  
MOHAMMED applying for corrected title to record a lien since  
the original title was issued. Title records reflect an  
Illinois title R1059219 in the name of ELIJAH MOHAMMED, 4847  
South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for a 1955 Cadillac,

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Motor Number 5562-104726. A lien of \$2,113.44 was held by Associates Discount Corporation, 520 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, at the time of purchase.

Title records also reflect Illinois title S178030 in the name of ELIJAH MOHAMMED, above address, for a 1956 Cadillac Coupe Deville, Motor Number 5662-026785. No lien was recorded against this auto.

Previous investigation has developed that CLARA MOHAMMED is the wife of ELIJAH MOHAMMED.

On August 7, 1956, Special Agents of the FBI observed a 1954 black four-door Cadillac, bearing 1956 Illinois license 784-208, parked in front of the University of Islam and Temple of Islam, Muhammad's Temple No. 2, 5333-35 South Greenwood Avenue. Later on the same date these agents observed ELIJAH MOHAMMED in this vehicle.

II. CONNECTIONS WITH THE  
MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM  
(MCI)

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B. INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT

ELIJAH MOHAMMED was interviewed on June 7, 1956, by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in connection with another matter. b7C

MOHAMMED advised that each individual member of the Temple of Islam decides for himself regarding registering

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for Selective Service and entering the Armed Forces. He stated that the organization of Islam teaches the members to obey authority and that each member must obey his government and make his government proud of him. MOHAMMED stated that a member can return to the Temple of Islam after being discharged from military service as long as he leads a righteous life from the time he is discharged from the service. MOHAMMED related that a member of the Temple of Islam who enters the Armed Forces of the United States is not considered and does not maintain membership in the Temple of Islam while he is serving in the Armed Forces because the Temple of Islam does not exercise any control over him.

MOHAMMED stated that the aims of the Temple of Islam are to convert people to Islam, which he described as "peace" or the entire submission to the will of God. He stated that it is the aim of the Temple of Islam to make people better themselves, and that if they are successful in getting individuals into Islam, they can force them to reform in spite of themselves and thereby make their government proud of them. He stated that he looked around and saw his people degrading themselves by smoking and drinking and immorality, and in so doing were looked down upon. MOHAMMED stated that if he could convert "these sinners," they would be able to regain their dignity and would not be looked down upon.

MOHAMMED stated that the Temple of Islam has followers in all principal cities on the East Coast and in some of the smaller cities meetings were conducted on a house to house basis. He stated that the Temple of Islam has been in operation for 25 years and is composed of the following three parts:

- A. Fruit of Islam (FOI)
- B. Muslim Girls Training (MGT)
- C. Girls Civilization Class (GCC)

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According to MOHAMMED, the FOI was composed of male members of the Temple of Islam solely for the purpose of receiving instructions concerning the history of Islam and also for receiving instructions on how to keep their bodies fit through proper exercise and foods. He stated that the members also receive instructions concerning mathematics and general education courses.

The MGT is made up of the women of the Temple of Islam who received instructions in all types of homemaking, such as cooking and sewing.

MOHAMMED stated that the GCC is composed of women of the Temple of Islam who receive instruction concerning the Temple of Islam and instruction on various educational and mathematical subjects.

Concluding, MOHAMMED advised that he has no idea of the total number of followers of Islam, but believes that the Chicago Temple contains approximately 400 to 500 members.

Interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on June 7, 1956, CLARENCE A. BARNES, 614 East 71st Street, Chicago, advised that he was a secretary for Temple No. 2, and that it was wrong for any member of the Temple of Islam to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States. He stated that to do so would be against the teachings of Islam. BARNES stated that the "United States Government is our enemy and has denied us freedom, justice and equality." BARNES pointed to the interviewing agents and remarked that they were his enemy. He stated that the United States is against the teachings of Islam, and that it would be silly for a member of the Temple of Islam to go into the Armed Forces because in so doing, he would be actually fighting against himself.

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C. ADVOCACY OF OVERTHROW  
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Interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI on December 11, 1956, JOHN LEE HATCHETT, a close associate of ELIJAH MOHAMMED, said that never to his recollection had he heard MOHAMMED make any statement that indicates he advocates the overthrow of the government of the United States. HATCHETT said MOHAMMED has insisted that all followers obey the laws of the United States. He said the Nation of Islam strictly prohibits its members from possessing weapons of any kind, such as firearms or pen knives.

HATCHETT advised that if any of the members in speeches at the Temple make statements against the United States, these people are misinformed and do not speak the true teachings of the Nation of Islam and ELIJAH MOHAMMED.

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On July 10, 1956, [REDACTED] 37  
he had been able to determine that in 1952 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ELIJAH MOHAMMED was then 55 years of age and was employed as a religious instructor at the Holy Temple of Islam, then located at 824 East 43rd Street, Chicago, which had a membership of approximately 1,000. MOHAMMED had been so employed for the past 25 years and, in addition, was engaged in the operation of a Shabazz Restaurant and Grocery Store at 3117 South Wentworth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, reportedly owned by the Holy Temple of Islam. MOHAMMED's net worth, in 1952, was estimated to be \$75,000.00, excluding the assets and realty owned by the Holy Temple of Islam, and his annual income was estimated at approximately \$25,000.00.

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MOHAMMED was reportedly engaged in the wholesale meat and grocery business

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On December 11, 1956, JOHN LEE HATCHETT (original name JOHN HASSAN) was interviewed by SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at Chicago, Illinois. HATCHETT said that being one of the original followers of ELIJAH MOHAMMED since approximately 1932, he is presently very closely associated with him and had traveled extensively in this country with MOHAMMED in connection with affairs of the Nation of Islam. b7C

HATCHETT said Temple No. 2 does not maintain a bank account, but meets all financial obligations in cash. He said the following property is owned by the Temple of Islam even though the record reflects the names of ELIJAH MOHAMMED and JOHN HASSAN:

ELIJAH MOHAMMED's residence  
4847 South Woodlawn  
Chicago, Illinois

Temple No. 2 Bakery  
3117 South Wentworth  
Chicago

Temple No. 2 Grocery Store  
and Restaurant  
614-16 East 71st Street  
Chicago

160 acre farm located in  
Michigan, Route #1, White  
Cloud, Michigan

According to HATCHETT, ELIJAH MOHAMMED is a true present day apostle or Messenger of Allah, just as MOSES and JESUS were in the years past. He said MOHAMMED is a man of very little formal education, but is a man of unequalled knowledge of the teachings of ALLAH. HATCHETT related that in his very close association with MOHAMMED, he had never noticed the slightest reason to question his

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complete sincerity and devotion to the Nation of Islam. He said the members, through their meager contributions to the Temple, purchased the present residence of ELIJAH MOHAMMED because they felt that he deserved such a residence. HATCHETT said that MOHAMMED derives his total income from the personal contributions of his followers.

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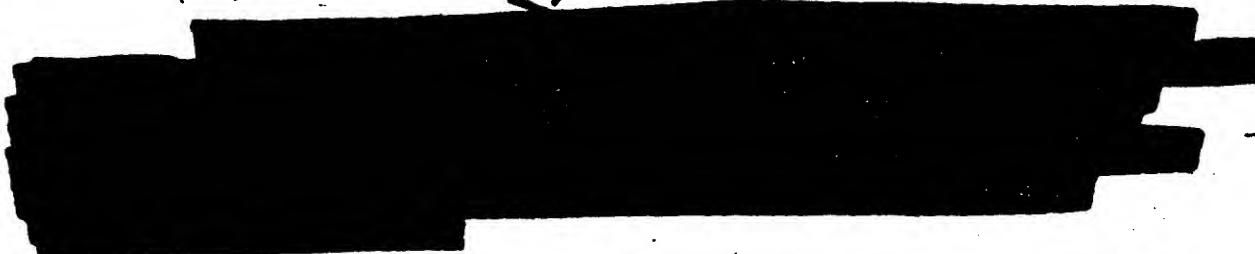

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F. LITERATURE

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It is publicly known that a column entitled "Muhammad Speaks", contributed by Mr. MUHAMMAD, the leader of the Temple of Islam, appears in the "Pittsburgh Courier", a Saturday weekly newspaper with its main office at 2628 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania. There are various city editions of this newspaper.



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A column entitled "Mr. Muhammad Speaks" appears in the "Pittsburgh Courier" newspaper written by ELIJAH MOHAMMED, Titular head of the Temple of Islam.

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The September 1, 1956, Detroit edition, page 24, column one, of the "Pittsburgh Courier", in an article entitled "Mr. Muhammad Speaks", there is stated that "..... regardless of the efforts to put out the light of truth (Islam) today, there efforts will be a complete failure. Think over the slavery teachings of Christianity, the three Gods, and the worship of Mary, the disciples of Jesus, the many gods of Budhism; the Incarnation taught by both, and other ignorant practices. Islam teaches an eternal heaven for the righteous, but hell is not eternal."

"These (heaven and hell) are not necessary places but conditions. Islam teaches that if a brother kills a brother the murderer must be killed, or anyone that kills a Muslim."

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In MOHAMMED's column appearing in the September 22, 1956, New York edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier", page 2, columns 4 and 5, it is stated that "There are several prisoners writing to me, wanting to accept Islam. Just send your slave name saying that you want to join on to your own Holy Nation of Islam and to serve

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and obey Allah, and his apostle. When you are free, report to one of our nearest temples, but be sure it is one that I am the leader."

"In the meantime we will record your name here on our books as a registered Muslim."

In MOHAMMED's article appearing in the November 17, 1956, New York edition of the "Pittsburgh Courier", Magazine Section, page 2, it is stated "Let the world ponder--what does history show that the white man can call his own outside of Europe? However, they spread out and over into the homes of black mankind of the earth taking by armed force the black peoples' home and making slaves of them for many centuries."

"The day has arrived and the TIME IS AT HAND. Every man to his own. It is the days of Allah (god) and the people of peace MUST HAVE PEACE. The trouble makers must be punished and brought to an end so they will never be able to give trouble to him."

"Many shall suffer because of the corruption that this world has brought and is bringing upon innocent people. LET NOT YOUR FLIGHT BE IN THE WINTER. War throws people out of homes; it is a greivens thing. A HOLY WAR IS TO BE DREADED."

This article invited readers to join Islam and send their name to MUHAMMAD's Temple Number 2, Inc., 5335 Greenwood Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois.

The June-July, 1956, issue of a magazine entitled "Moslem World and the U.S.A." and illustrated monthly journal of Islam and Islamic affairs, edited and published by one ABDUL BASIT NAEEM, Post Office Box 39, Brooklyn 21,

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New York, contains an article on pages 19 to 27 entitled "The Rise of Elijah Muhammad". According to this article NAKEM obtained from MUHAMMAD a written statement concerning his personal views. They are herein set out as they appear in this article:

"Allah came to us from the Holy City of Mecca, Arabia, in 1930. He used the name "Wallace D. Fard," often signing it as "W. D. Fard" in the third year (1933). He also signed his name as "W. F. Muhammad," which stands for "Wallace Fard Muhammad." He came alone. He began teaching us the knowledge of ourselves, of God and the devil, the measurement of the Earth and other planets, and about the civilizations of some of the planets other than Earth. He measured and weighed the Earth and its water, and gave us the History of the Moon and of the two Nations that dominate the Earth, Black and White. He told us of the exact birth of the white race, and the name of their God who made them, and how, and the end of their time; and of Judgement, how it would begin and end.

"He taught us the truth of how we were made slaves, and how we are being kept in slavery by the slavemasters' children. He declared the doom of America, for her evils to us was past due, and that she is number ONE to be destroyed; but her Judgement could not take place until we hear the TRUTH. He declared that we were without the knowledge of self or anyone else, and had been made blind, deaf and dumb by this white race of people, and that we must return to our own people, our God and His Religion of Peace (Islam)--the Religion of the Prophets. We must give up the slave names of



our slavemasters and accept the name of Allah (God), or one of the Divine Attributes. Give up all evil doings and practices, and do righteousness or be destroyed from the face of the Earth. He taught us that the slavemasters had taught us to eat the wrong food, and that this wrong food is the cause of our sickness and short span of life. He has declared that He would heal us, and seat us in heaven at once if we would submit to Him, otherwise He would chastise us with a severe chastisement until we did submit, and that He was able to force the whole world into submission to His Will. He said that He loved us (the so-called Negroes), His Lost and Found people, so well that He would eat rattlesnakes to free us, if necessary, and that He has power over all things.

*He said*  
"I asked Him: "Who are you, and what is your real name?" He said: "I am the One the World has been looking for to come for the past two hundred years." I said to Him again: "What is your name?" He said "My name is Mahdi, I am God, I came to Guide you into the right path that you may be successful and see the Hereafter." He described the destruction of the world with bombs, poison gas, and finally fire that would consume and destroy everything of the present world. Not anything of it (the present world of white mankind) would be left. Those escaping the destruction would not be allowed to carry anything of it out with them. He pointed out a destructive, dreadful looking plane that is made like a wheel in the sky today. It is a half-mile by a half-mile square; it is a human built planet. I won't go into all

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of the details here, but it is up there and can be seen twice a week, it is no secret. Ezekiel saw it a long time ago, it was built for the purpose of destroying the present world. He also hinted at plaguing the world with rain, snow, hail and earthquakes. He spoke with authority, not as one who is under authority but as one self-independent. He said this world's time was out in 1914, but could get extension of time depending upon their treatment of the righteous. He declared that there can be no Judgement until we (the so-called Negroes) hear of Islam, whether we accept it or not. This includes the History of the world and a knowledge of God and the devil. He condemned the teachings of God not being a man as a lie from the devils for the past six thousand years, and said that Christianity was a Religion organized and backed by the devils for the purpose of making slaves of Black mankind. I bear witness that it sure has enslaved my people here in America 100%. He chose me to bear the Message of Life (Islam) to my people here. Islam is our Salvation, it removes fear, grief and sorrow from any believer, and it brings to us peace of mind and contentment. The greatest hindrance to the TRUTH to our people is the preacher of Christianity. He won't accept it, nor is he content to let others alone who are trying to accept the TRUTH. He is the man that stands in the way of the Salvation of his people, and as soon as the people awaken to the knowledge of this man in their way to God, Freedom, Justice and Equality and stop following him the sooner they will be in Heaven while they live. The preachers are afraid of the TRUTH.

"I have been raised and chosen by God to teach and lead you to Him, that you may see the Hereafter and you may do well to follow and obey me....."

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This statement is signed "Elijah Muhammad, the messenger of Allah"

The August-September, 1956, issue of the "Moslem World and the U.S.A." contains a featured article, pages 14 to 18, entitled "The Supreme Wisdom; the Black Nation, the Original People of our Planet" by Mr. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. This is the second of a series written by ELIJAH MUHAMMED, mailing address 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois.

~~This article discusses the black man's slave~~  
condition and indicates that "We the Black Nation of the Earth are the Number One Owners of It, the Best of All Human Beings". MUHAMMAD invited leaders to accept Islam, the religion of god (Allah) and to "Come Follow Me".

#### G. OTHER ACTIVITIES

On July 25, 1956,  
/ records of the Cook County Recorder of Deeds, Chicago, Illinois, reflected that on November 29, 1955, a notarized affidavit was filed reflecting that at a meeting of the temple on November 20, 1955, at 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, ELIJAH MOHAMMED and JOHN HASSAN were elected trustees according to the rules and usages of such congregation and said congregation adopted its corporate name "Holy Temple of Islam".

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MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM (MCI)

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 11, 1956 that the MCI is an organization composed entirely of Negroes, which was reportedly organized around 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. The national leader and founder is ELIJAH MOHAMMED, who claims to have been sent by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the Negroes out of slavery in the United States.

Members fanatically follow the alleged teachings of Allah as interpreted by MOHAMMED and disavow allegiance to the United States. Members pledge allegiance only to Allah and Islam, and believe any civil law which conflicts with Muslim Law should be disobeyed. The Cult teaches that members of the dark-skinned race cannot be considered citizens of the United States since they are in slavery in this country and, therefore, must free themselves by destroying non-Muslims and Christianity in the "War of Armageddon." For this purpose, the Cult has a military branch called Fruit of Islam, composed of all male able-bodied members who participate in military drill and judo training.

Members of the Cult also believe that they are directly related to all Asiatic races and any conflict involving any Asiatic nation and a Western nation is considered a part of the "War of Armageddon", in which the Asiatic nation will be victorious.

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One copy of this report is designated for each ONI, OSI, and G-2 to fulfill Bureau responsibilities under the delimitations agreement. The fanatical aspects of the Temple of Islam and its policies concerning Selective Service are of interest to each agency.

ELIJAH MOHAMMED is a Security Index subject of the Chicago office. He is a key figure and tabbed "Detcom."

Photographs of MOHAMMED are contained in the exhibit section of Chicago 100-6989 and 25-20607.

In preparing this report Volumes 41 through 47 of 25-20607, "MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM,-- IS - MCI," were reviewed as well as the subject file, and pertinent information reported.

The files of the Records and Communications Section, Chicago Police Department, were checked on 11/26/56, by [redacted] for Investigative Clerk [redacted]

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Information furnished by [redacted] Supervisor, State Bureau of Motor Registration, Springfield, Illinois, was furnished Chicago by Springfield letter to Chicago dated 6/1/56, captioned, "MUSLIM CULT OF ISLAM, IS - MCI", (25-20607-1815).

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